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The Honorable John G. Koeltl United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street

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DECENVE NAMBERS OF JUDGE JOHN G. KOELTL

Re: Charles Gaylord v. City of New York, et al., 07 Civ. 11599 (JGK)

Your Honor:

I am Senior Counsel in the office of Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, representing defendant City of New York in the above-referenced matter. I write with respect to the above-referenced matter in which plaintiff alleges that his constitutional rights were violated by defendants. Defendant City respectfully requests an extension of time to answer or otherwise respond to this complaint from March 17, 2008 until May 5, 2008. Plaintiff has consented to this request for an extension of time.

As of the date of this letter, plaintiff's counsel has stated that at least one of the named individual defendants has not been served with the summons and complaint in this action. Although plaintiff's counsel purports to have served the remainder of the eight individual defendants, at least one of them was only purportedly served within the past 10 days. The requested extension will give this office an opportunity to determine whether the defendant officers are entitled to representation by this office. See Mercurio v. The City of New York, et al., 758 F.2d 862, 864-65 (2d Cir. 1985) (quoting Williams v. City of New York, et al., 64 N.Y.2d 800, 486 N.Y.S.2d 918 (1985) (decision whether to represent individual defendants is made by the Corporation Counsel as set forth in state law)).

It is our goal, therefore, if possible, that all defendants may answer or otherwise respond to the complaint at one time on or by May 5, 2008, instead of filing several separate

answers or responses. This will promote judicial economy. The requested extension will potentially allow this to occur.

The Court previously granted defendant The City of New York's request for an extension of time to answer to March 17, 2008. For the reasons set forth herein, we respectfully request that defendant City of New York's time to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint be extended to May 5, 2008.

The Court has set an initial conference in this matter for March 24, 2008 at 4:30 P.M. We also request that this conference be adjourned to a date after May 5, 2008.

Thank you for your consideration herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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